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so you know what i sent...

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Sorry-- this, including EPA's data, is all the result of a coordinated "Phase 5" sampling effort coordinated with USGS. Both agencies collaborated on the sampling plans and took samples together during the same field events. EPA also sampled five domestic wells that we had sampled previously. As planned, during this sampling event, EPA collected samples and used established Agency sampling and analysis protocols consistent with those used in previous phases of sampling. This advances the science available to the public and the peer review panel by allowing the data to be meaningfully compared to earlier data.

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OK, I've got this and your other statement.

To please clarify your first statement below, you mean that EPA took samples "this year" in addition to the ones it took in collaboration with USGS, correct? (As opposed to the sampling last year.)

Did EPA take samples additionally, and will be posting that data separately, to ensure adherence to the EPA quality assurance process you mentioned below (as distinct from the quality assurance in the collaborative process)?

I'm trying to get at why EPA took samples additionally and is posting separately.

Thanks,
Mead

From: Richard Mylott [mailto:Mylott.Richard@epamail.epa.gov]
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Mead-- I expect a data release as early as tomorrow. Will let you know when available.

Can you please tell me why EPA is planning an independent data release if it's a collaborator with the Wyoming-USGS process? Does this indicate a lack of faith in that process? If so, why, if not, why not? Why is EPA doing its own thing again?

EPA is posting its data separately because EPA took samples in addition to the ones it took in collaboration with USGS. All EPA data have gone through the Agency's quality assurance process.

What was the procedure in the new EPA sampling and analysis?

EPA partnered with the USGS, the State and the Tribes in designing the sampling methodology, the quality assurance plan, and other features of the most recent phase of sampling. EPA followed approved protocols and methods in its sampling and analysis. EPA plans to release a Summary and Methods Report of its data on Wednesday, September 26. This information will be submitted along with the December 2011 draft report on the Pavillion area ground water investigation to an independent peer review panel later this year.

Will EPA release the raw data and/or any findings from that?

EPA will be releasing a Summary of Methods and Results for the latest round of sampling. This will include data that have gone through a quality assurance process.

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